

Administrator Karen Owens



Since joining the Police Department in 1990, Administrator Karen Owens has worked to build a positive relationship between the Long Beach Police Department and the community it serves. Under her leadership, the Department's Community Engagement Division promotes public safety through communication, education, and community partnership and includes Media Relations, Volunteer Services, Community Outreach, and Business Desk operations.

Administrator Owens was selected as the department's first civilian Public Information Officer in 1993, and developed an expertise in media relations and crisis communications. She was promoted to the rank of Administrator in 1999 and served as the commanding officer of the Community Relations and Personnel Divisions until her assignment to the Community Engagement Division in 2013.

Administrator Owens holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from California State University, Long Beach and a Master's Degree in Conflict Management and Negotiation from California State University, Dominguez Hills. She is a member of numerous professional and community organizations and currently serves as the Department Liaison to the Long Beach Police Foundation.